

Patent Claims:

1. Control module for a motor vehicle with an electric switch (10) in a housing (20), which has at least one locking element (30, 31) that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing (20) is secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor, characterised in that each locking element (30, 31) has an associated push button (40, 41) accessible by the user, which cooperates with the locking element (30, 31) in such a way that when it is operated the locking element (30, 31) assumes a release position against its resilient deflection.
2. Control module according to Claim 1, characterised in that the switch (10) is configured as a switch (11), which blocks the movement of the locking element (32, 33) associated with this out of its locking position and has a defined switching position, in which a movement of the locking element (32, 33) is enabled.
3. Control module according to Claim 2, characterised in that the defined switching position of the switch (11) for release of the locking element (32, 33) includes a position, into which the switch (11) is not moved during normal operation of the motor vehicle.
4. Control module according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that each push button (40, 41) and each associated locking element (30, 31; 32, 33) form a slide/push connection (50), which transfers a movement of the push button (40, 41) to the locking element (30, 31; 32, 33).
5. Control module for a motor vehicle with an electric switch (12) in a housing (22), which has at least one locking element (34, 35) that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing (22) is secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor, characterised in that each locking element (34, 35) has an associated push button (42, 43) accessible by the user, during operation of which the locking element (34, 35) is released, and the switch (12) cooperates with the locking element (34, 35) in such a way that in

a defined switching position the locking element (34, 35) assumes a release position against its resilient deflection.

6. Control module according to Claim 5, characterised in that each push button (42, 43) and each associated locking element (34, 35) forms a groove and tongue connection (51), which is opened upon operation of the push button (42, 43).
7. Control module for a motor vehicle with an electric switch (13) in a housing (23), which has at least one locking element (34, 35) that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing (23) is secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor, characterised in that the switch (13) has an associated push button (44) accessible by the user, during operation of which a defined switching position of the switch (13) is enabled, and the switch (13) cooperates with the locking element (34, 35) in such a way that in a defined switching position the locking element (34, 35) assumes a release position against its resilient deflection.
8. Control module according to Claim 7, characterised in that the switch (13) forms with the push button (44) a stop (52), which is opened on operation of the push button (44).
9. Control module according to one of Claims 5 to 7, characterised in that an increased force expenditure is necessary to move the electric switch into the defined switching position to release the locking element (34, 35).
10. Control module according to one of Claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the switch (10, 11, 12, 13) is configured as a rotary switch.
11. Method for securing a control module in a motor vehicle with an electric switch (12) in a housing (22), which has at least one locking element (34, 35) that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing (22) can be secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor, characterised in that by operation of an associated push button (42, 43)

accessible by the user the locking element (34, 35) is released from a locking position, and by moving the switch (12) into a defined switching position the locking element is brought into a release position against its resilient deflection.

12. Method for securing a control module in a motor vehicle with an electric switch (13) in a housing (23), which has at least one locking element (34, 35) that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing (23) can be secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor, characterised in that by operating an associated push button (44) accessible by the user the switch (13) is released from a locking position, and by moving the switch (13) into a defined switching position the locking element (34, 35) is brought into a release position against its resilient deflection.